

California Advocacy Network for Children with Special Health Care Needs

News, policy updates, resources, events, and advocacy opportunities

Network News

Letters of Inquiry for Foundation Grants Due Next Month

The deadline for Letters of Inquiry (LOI) for the Foundation's next grant cycle is **February 15**. We fund programs and projects that will contribute to improving systems of care for children with special health care needs and their families. We strongly recommend that potential applicants carefully review our program goals, priorities, and restrictions before submitting an LOI. [Read about the application process.](#)

A Look Back: Quality Standards, Discharge Planning Highlighted in 2020

Read about some of the Foundation publications or webinars you may have missed in 2020, or refresh your knowledge with a second look. Find all 2020 publications [here](#).



- [Oregon's Approach to Leveraging System-level Data to Guide a Social Determinants of Health-informed Approach to Children's Healthcare](#) – Oregon Pediatric Improvement Partnership
- [National Care Coordination Standards for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs](#) – National Academy for State Health Policy
- [Promoting Systems Change: An Evaluation of the Impact of the National Standards for Systems of Care for CSHCN](#) – Issues Research
- [Improving Discharge Care for Children with Special Health Care Needs through a Nurse-led Learning Collaborative](#) – Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health
- [Medicaid Managed Care Contract Language to Expand the Availability of Pediatric-to-Adult Transitional Care](#) – The National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health
- [Confronting Inequities in California's Funding of Services for Children with Developmental Disabilities: A Sobering View of Our Current Standpoint](#) – Public Counsel
- [The Family Engagement in Systems Assessment Tools](#) – Family Voices

Children with Medical Complexity

New Deadline: Present Your Work on Complex Care

The National Center for Complex Health and Social Needs has extended the deadline for proposals to present a webinar on a topic relevant to the field of complex care. The center's free monthly teleconferences feature subject experts from across the country who discuss their work and lived experience in the field. The new deadline is **January 29**. [Read more.](#)

Conference: Teamwork, Resilience, and Health Justice in Complex Care



A recap is available from the virtual *Putting Care at the Center 2020* conference, which featured discussions about how the major events of 2020 will affect the lives of people with complex health and social needs and the delivery of complex care. [Read more.](#)

California Children's Services

COVID-19 and CCS Services

A new fact sheet created by the National Health Law Program and Family Voices of California, with support from our Foundation, answers key questions about [Access to Care Through California Children's Services During COVID-19](#).

CCS Advisory Group to Meet

Date Wednesday, January 27
Time 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pacific Time
Location Via WebEx
Details Details forthcoming on the [website](#).

Advocacy

Pediatric Academy Proposes Plan to Improve CSHCN Care

The American Academy of Pediatrics released its [Blueprint for Children](#), which outlines the state of children in 2020 and lays out a child health policy agenda for the future, with specific policy recommendations. [Read its section on children with special health care needs.](#)

COVID-19 Resources

See our COVID-19 [web page](#) for additional information and resources.

- The Family Matters section of [Pediatric Nursing](#) features an article, [Mental Health Needs During COVID-19: Responses in Pediatric Health Care](#), that highlights the profound effect the pandemic is having on children's mental and emotional health. Our Foundation provided support for the work.
- *Little Children, Big Challenges*, a new video from [Sesame Street in Communities](#) funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, focuses on building young children's coping skills during the pandemic and fostering nurturing connections between them and the caring adults in their lives – whether parents, caregivers, or community providers. [Read more.](#)
- A viewpoint published in [JAMA Pediatrics](#) discusses [COVID-19 Pandemic Health Disparities and Pediatric Health Care – The Promise of Telehealth](#).

National Policy

- [Congress Passes Funding for Money Follows the Person Program, but Leaves Disability Community Out of COVID-19 Relief Bill](#) – from The Arc

Pediatric Palliative Care

Webinar: The Use of Telemedicine in Pediatric Palliative Care

Date Tuesday, January 19
Time 12 to 1 p.m. Pacific Time
Sponsors Pennsylvania's Pediatric Palliative Care Coalition, Greater Illinois Pediatric Palliative Care Coalition, Children's Hospice & Palliative Care Coalition of California, Jacob's Heart Children's Cancer Support Services, and the CSU Shiley Institute for Palliative Care
Details Speakers will define telemedicine and share examples from two different pediatric palliative care practices, review key aspects of providing telemedicine, and discuss its use in a post-COVID world. Register and see the [schedule](#) for the entire 2021 Pediatric Palliative Care Series. Fee.

CSHCN and Equity

Panel Discussion: Maximizing Medicaid's Potential to Close the Disparities Gap and Improve Health Equity

Date Tuesday, January 19
Time 12 to 1:15 p.m. Pacific Time
Sponsor Center for Health Care Strategies
Details Experts representing federal, state, and provider perspectives will examine how systemic racism plays out in the health care system, and explore opportunities for Medicaid to take a more active role to identify, address, and reduce health disparities and contribute to broader societal efforts to address racism. [Read more and register.](#)

Evento

Congreso Familiar Virtual

[Congreso Familiar](#) es una conferencia dedicada a promover la educación y el liderazgo en familias latinas que tienen hijos o familiares con discapacidades. Únase los sábados a las 10 a.m. Pacífico para aprender sobre varias temas. Los presentadores hablarán sobre las reglas del Seguro Social para niños / niñas, y claves para la resiliencia emocional durante una crisis. [Regístarse.](#)

[Congreso Familiar](#) is a conference dedicated to promoting education and leadership in Latino families who have children or relatives with disabilities. Join on Saturdays at 10 a.m. Pacific Time to learn about a variety of topics. Presenters will discuss Social Security rules for children, and keys to emotional resilience during a crisis. [Register.](#)

In the News

- [Newsom Acknowledges Shortfalls in Special Education Services During Pandemic](#)
KCRA, 12/30/20
- [What Pediatricians Say Can't Wait](#)
NY Times, 12/21/20

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